

## **FISCAL NOTE**

### **HB 1010 - SB 1768**

March 22, 2005

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Establishes standardized statewide flat fees for court costs for civil and criminal cases; standardizes clerks' commissions including a hold harmless provision for any loss of local government revenues from such commissions; codifies allocation of various taxes for 17 different funds benefiting from various privilege taxes into one code section; changes distribution of privilege taxes to the various special funds by converting existing distribution into percentages.

#### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures – Net Impact - \$31,200**

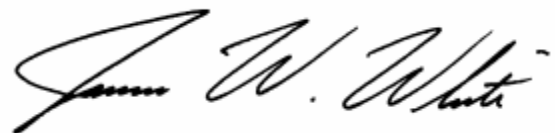
**Increase Local Govt. Revenues – Exceeds \$10,000,000**

#### **Assumptions:**

- State expenditures will increase for the Department of Human Services by \$31,200 for filing fees for civil cases involving Adult Protective Services, closure of daycare centers, and collection of overpayment of benefits.
- State expenditures will increase for the Department of Revenue to establish a new method for allocation of privilege taxes. State revenues will decrease for the hold harmless provision for standardizing the rate for clerks' commissions. However, these impacts to the Department of Revenue will be offset by the reduction in staff time auditing and processing clerks' reports of fees, taxes and fines and the net impact to the Department of Revenue is estimated to be not significant.
- Local government revenues will increase exceeding \$10,000,000 from the establishment of a statewide flat fee structure for court costs for civil and criminal cases.

#### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director